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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: A) ROME 10563; B) ROME A-305 OF JULY 16, 1976

EMBASSY WISHES POINT OUT THAT THE LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL IS CARDINAL SLIPYJ'S PERSONAL APPEAL AND PROBABLY DOES NOT REPRESENT THE POSITION OF THE VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE. WE ALSO WISH CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO ROME A-305 WHICH PROVIDES FOLLOWING COMMENT:

QUOTE. CARDINAL SLIPYJ, WHO IS 84 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A GADFLY TO THE VATICAN ON THE ISSUE OF THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH. HAVING SUFFERED 18 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR OPPOSING STALIN'S RELIGIOUS POLICY, HE IS AN ARDENT ADVOCATE OF A MORE RIGOROUS VATICAN POLICY TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION ON THE QUESTION OF THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH. HE HAS BEEN DEMANDING ALSO HIS APPOINTMENT AS PATRIARCH OF THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH, A DEMAND WHICH POPE PAUL HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FULFILL. IN ANY CASE, CARDINAL SLIPYJ HAS BEEN USING THE TITLE AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO EXERCISE SOME OF THE PATRIARCHAL ECCLESIASTICAL PREROGATIVES TO THE ANNOYANCE OF THE VATICAN AND OTHER UKRAINIAN

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS. CARDINAL SLIPYJ HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARIST CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA AUGUST 1-8. THE VATICAN, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CONCERNED THAT HE WILL USE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES AND HAS NOT ISSUED THE APPROPRIATE REQUEST FOR AFFIXING A VISA ON HIS VATICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A

RELIABLE SOURCE, HOWEVER, THAT A NUMBER OF HIS SUPPORTERS  
ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO PROMOTE THE CARDINAL'S PURPOSES  
AT PHILADELPHIA. END QUOTE.GARDNER

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